



MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEL NORTE COUNTY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

10:00 AM

PRESENT: Supervisor, District 2 Valerie Starkey
Supervisor, District 3 Chris Howard
Supervisor, District 1 Darrin Short
Supervisor, District 5 Dean Wilson
Supervisor, District 4 Joey Borges

ABSENT:

CLOSED SESSION 8:30 A.M.

Public Comment on Closed Session items only.

Hold a closed session to consider and discuss litigation and personnel matters:

Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation-pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)-One: Atul Saini v. Del Norte County, et. al.; CVPI 2022-1313;

Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code 54957.6-Two: 1) County Negotiator: Randy Hooper, Asst. CAO and Unrepresented Employees-Elected Department Heads; 2) County Negotiator: Neal Lopez, CAO and Represented Employee Bargaining Groups; and

Conference with Real Property Negotiator Neal Lopez and Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code 54956.8-One: California Department of Transportation Temporary Construction Easement at Assessor's Parcel Number 105-130-022.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Adjourn as the Board of Supervisors, reconvene as the Board of Equalization and: 1) discuss Board of Equalization Assessment Appeal: Eric Matson AAA 2024-001/APN 120-204-009; 2) discuss the possible creation of an Assessment Appeals Board and 3) reconvene as the Board of Supervisors.

REGULAR SESSION 10:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Call the meeting to order and take roll.

- Moment of Reflection
- The Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Chris Howard, District 3 Supervisor.
- Nomination and Election of Chair.

Action: Approved. Supervisor Borges was elected as Chair. There was a motion made by Supervisor Short to elect Supervisor Starkey as Chair but it failed due to lack of a second.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

- Nomination and Election of Vice-Chair.

Action: Approved. Supervisor Short was elected as Vice-Chair. There was a motion made by Supervisor Borges to elect Supervisor Howard as Vice-Chair but it failed due to lack of a second.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Valerie Starkey

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

- Introduction of new employees to the Board of Supervisors

None

- Report of any actions from closed session by County Counsel

In regards to the Board of Equalization item the Board of Supervisors reconvened as the Board of Equalization (BOE) to take up the Eric Matson Assessment Appeal AAA 2024-001 related to APN 120-204-009. Supervisor Starkey recused herself and did not participate in the deliberation nor did she vote. Supervisor Wilson has the opportunity to review all of the evidence in the matter including watching the Assessment Appeal hearing viewing and all of the documentation. After some discussion the BOE did vote to uphold the Assessor's Valuation of the property with a 4-0 vote (Yes: Supervisor Short, Howard, Borges, Wilson No: None Recused: Supervisor Starkey) There will be Findings of Fact that will be provided to both parties at a later date explaining how the BOE got to this determination.

- The Chair requests any deletions, corrections or additions from Board members to the agenda at this time. In order to add an item to the agenda, the matter must have come to the attention of the County subsequent to the posting of the agenda and the matter requires action before the next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Borges noted that the GHD Agreement from item #18 due to inaccurate backup documentation.

- Receive other brief reports or announcements relative to the County of Del Norte programs and projects, progress of the two by two committees, technical advisory committees and/or Board and staff travel/training reports.

Supervisor Short: Noted there is major progress on the ERF Project and attended the RCRC meeting.

Supervisor Starkey: Attended the Opioid Settlement Group meeting, attended the

First 5 Commission meeting, attended the Juvenile Justice Commission meeting, attended a meeting with a constituent regarding generator concerns for Californian's, participated in the Swearing in Ceremony and attended the Democratic Central Committee meeting.

Supervisor Howard: Thanked the Agriculture staff for the Lily Bulb Crop Report, attended the RCRC meeting, attended a meeting with Assemblyman Rogers, attended a meeting with Senator McGuire, attended a meeting with Senator Megan Doyle, attended a meeting with County Counsel and CDD staff regarding a shooting range that never established at Craig's Creek, attended the Board of Supervisors Special Session and has been working with Lobbyists, Caltrans, CHP and others regarding speed issues along the US Hwy 197 and US Hwy 199 corridor.

Supervisor Wilson: Attended a meeting with the Klamath Fire Protection District, attended the Board of Supervisors Special Session and spoke with numerous constituents regarding water inundation and power outages after the rain storms.

CONSENT AGENDA

Comments from members of the public may be heard at this time regarding matters on the Consent Agenda only.

Action: Approved. Supervisor Wilson included in the motion that the GHD Agreement from item #18 will be pulled due to inaccurate backup documentation.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Dean Wilson

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

1. Approve and adopt the minutes from the December 10, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Approved.

2. Approve and adopt the minutes from the December 17, 2024 Board of Supervisors Special Session.**

Approved.

3. Approve and adopt a Proclamation raising "Human Trafficking Awareness" as requested by as requested by the Soroptimist International of Crescent City.**

Approved.

4. Approve salary step placement at Step B for newly hired (Child Support Specialist I) as requested by the Director of Child Support and recommended by the County Administrative Officer.**

Approved.

5. Approve and adopt a Master Crime Insurance Program in lieu of Public Official Bonds as requested by the Risk Manager**

Approved.

6. Approve and authorize a partnership with the Yurok Tribe and the Klamath Promise Neighborhood Program to fund the Del Norte County Recreation Division Tiny Tots Basketball Program and authorize the County Administrative Officer (CAO) to sign any associated agreements to implement and finalize the partnership, as requested by the CAO, the Recreation Coordinator and the Administrative Programs Manager. **

Approved.

7. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment #1 to Agreement (2024-039) between County of Del Norte and Del Norte Little League for rental of Pyke Field for Little League Baseball and Softball, as requested by the Administrative Programs Manager.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-001

8. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Redding for Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 3 Funding (County Allocation) for the term ending December 31, 2025, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-002

9. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Redding for Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 3 Funding (CoC Allocation) for the term ending December 31, 2025, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-003

10. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement with Rendezvous Music and Vending for placement of vending machines in the Flynn Center for Employee and public access as requested by the Administrative Services Coordinator.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-004

11. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Health and Human

Services to sign the attached Amendment to the Agreement for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program with CalMHSA for an additional one-year term, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-005

12. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Agreement with Mobile Modular Management Corp. for delivery and installation of a new modular building for the community room at the ERF micro village site, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-006

13. Approve and authorize the Director of Health and Human Services to sign the attached Agreement with Darin Thomsen Construction for metal building materials for the emergency shelter building at the ERF micro village site, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-007

14. Approve and authorize the Chair to appoint Patricia "Trish" Cottrell to fill the Consumer seat, and Bill Steven to another term filling the newly established Veterans seat on the Local Behavioral Health Board (LBHB) for the term of January 14, 2025 through January 13, 2028, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved.

15. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign an agreement between Del Norte Youth Wrestling, Del Norte County Recreation Department and the Del Norte Building Maintenance Department for Facility Use to Operate Del Norte Wrestling's Program, as requested by Administrative Programs Manager.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-008

16. Approve and authorize the chair to sign the Fourth Amendment to Professional Services for Onsite Emergency Power Supply for Sanitary Sewer Lift Stations as requested by the Assistant County Engineer.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-009

17. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign the attached Agreement with Jermaine Brubaker for Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program Consultation Services for the term of January 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025, as requested by the Director of Health and Human Services.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-010

18. Approve and authorize the Chair to sign professional services contracts for on-call planning services with LACO Associates, GHD, Inc., Naiad Biological Consulting, and Vollmar Natural Lands Consulting as requested by the Director of Community Development.**

Approved. The GHD Agreement was pulled to a later date due to inaccurate backup documentation. LACO:DNCOAGREE#2025-011; Naiad: DNCOAGREE#2025-012; Vollmar: DNCOAGREE#2025-013

19. Approve an amendment to the agreement between the County of Del Norte and DDR Cleaning and Hauling to increase the amount of compensation available for on-call nuisance abatement services as requested by the Director of the Community Development Department.**

Approved. DNCOAGREE#2025-014

SCHEDULED ITEMS

20. 10:25 A.M. COMMENT PERIOD: Members of the public may address the Board on matters which are within the jurisdiction of the Board. If you are addressing the Board regarding a matter listed on the agenda, you may be asked to hold your comments until the Board takes up that matter. Please limit your comments to three minutes or less.

REGULAR ITEMS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

21. 1) Adopt a resolution establishing a Section 115 Combination Trust and authorizing participation in the Public Agencies Post-Employment Benefits Trust administered by Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) and; 2) Approve the attached Administrative Services Agreement with PARS and; 3) Appoint the County Administrative Officer (CAO) as the Plan Administrator and authorize the CAO to execute the agreement and other documents as necessary to implement the program and take additional actions as necessary to create and maintain the County's Section 115 Combination Trust and; 4) Designate the Proactive Financial Management Technical Advisory Committee to oversee and monitor the investment strategies of the Trust as recommended by the Proactive Financial Management Technical Advisory Committee.**

Action: Approved. RESO#2025-001; DNCOAGREE#2025-015

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Chris Howard

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

22. Approve and authorize Community Development Department staff to take the following actions (1) Participate in staff-level discussions with the California

Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other stakeholders regarding western lily habitat restoration efforts at the County-owned Point Saint George property; (2) Report proposed management options under consideration to the Natural Resources and Environmental Coordination Technical Advisory Committee; and (3) Present updates to the Board for any actions requiring authorization, such as pursuing permits for restoration activities as recommended by the NREC TAC.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Darrin Short

Second: Chris Howard

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Darrin Short

Vote Yea: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Nay: 0 None

Vote Abstain: 0 None

23. Upon Board approval of the partnership with the Yurok Tribe and the Klamath Promise Neighborhood (KPN) Program (Consent Agenda Item #6), approve and adopt Budget Transfer, #01-02 in the amount of Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$6,684.00) within the Recreation Budget (101-711) to accurately reflect the revenue and expenditures for the Tiny Tots Basketball program funded by the Yurok Tribe and the KPN Program as requested by the Recreation Coordinator and the Administrative Programs Manager.**

Approved. BT#01-02

24. Approve and adopt budget transfer #01-03 in the amount of \$250,000.00 (Two-hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) within the District Attorney budget to fund contract positions for a Special Prosecutor and Investigator as requested by the District Attorney.**

Approved. BT#01-03

LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET ISSUES:

Consider miscellaneous legislative and budget matters pertinent to the County of Del Norte. Authorize the Chair to sign and send appropriate letters with respect to matters pending before the state or federal governments.

25. Approve and adopt the 2025 Legislative Platform, as recommended by the Assistant County Administrative Officer.**

Action: Approved.

Motion: Move to approve

Move: Chris Howard

Second: Dean Wilson

Vote Yea: 0 None

Vote Nay: 5 Valerie Starkey, Chris Howard, Darrin Short, Dean Wilson, Joey Borges

Vote Abstain: 0 None

ADJOURNMENT

(Next meeting is January 28, 2025)

Kylie Goughnour, Clerk of the Board
County of Del Norte, State of California

Date Posted: January 09, 2025

THE AGENDA AND ACTION SUMMARY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE:

www.co.del-norte.ca.us